10th September 1958]

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the provision made for the Comprehensive Rural Water-supply Scheme in the Budget Estimate for 1958–59 is Rs. 30 lakhs. In order to avoid delay in the execution of schemes, the Collectors of districts have been authorised to sanction all schemes costing not more than Rs. 25,000. The Board of Revenue has been empowered to sanction all schemes costing more than Rs. 25,000 without any upper limit. No work taken up under this programme need be referred to the Government for sanction.

As soon as the drinking water scarcity in the villages was brought to the notice of the Collector, he has taken adequate steps in the matter. Two District Board lorries were sent to the area for supply of water to the villages affected.

The long-term measures taken for providing drinking water facilities in the villages are :

(i) *Kodikkadu and Kodukkur* : Two borewells costing Rupees 23,000 each have been put down in the two villages. The work of construction of overhead tanks has been entrusted to the President of the Panchayat.

(ii) *Idayakuruchi* : A borewell has been sunk in the village. Necessary further action will be taken by the Collector after testing the water.

(iii) *Marudur* : There is a tube well put up by the Exploratory Tube Well Organization. The Collector will take further action after analysis of the water from the tubewell.

(iv) *Koovagam* : Two wells have already been executed in the village under the Rural Water Supply comprehensive programme. The Collector has reported that there is no scarcity of drinking water in the village.

(v) *Ponparappi and Sirukalathur* : The Collector has sanctioned the further deepening and cleaning of four borewells in Ponparappi village and two borewells in Sirukalathur village.

(vi) *Thular* : The Collector is taking action to provide a new well in the village.

The Collector has reported that due to recent rains, the water-supply situation has improved.

V.—THIRD REPORT (SECOND ASSEMBLY) OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, present this the Third Report [a] (Second Assembly) of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

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[a] Laid on the table of the House.